



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1734

Application No.: 10/511,139

Examiner: M. MAYES

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Docket No.: 121510

For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING HONEYCOMB STRUCTURAL BODY

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the March 15, 2007 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply having been extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 8-19 are pending in this application.

I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 8-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 4,557,773 to Bonzo in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,646,914 to Gipson and 3M Technical Data Sheets for "Scotch" transparent polyester tape No. 9390 and No. 9391. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 8 recites a method for producing a honeycomb structure including a step of plugging up a plurality of cells at either of end faces of a honeycomb formed body having two end faces and a plurality of cells passing from one end face to another end face, characterized in that the step of plugging up the cells includes a first substep of adhering a